

capable of using any communications network for receiving the bid biometric sample.

62. (Amended) The device of claim 58 further comprising:

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- a. a first rule-module invocation platform, comprising a subset rule-module clearinghouse that invokes at least one user-customized rule-module;
 - b. a data transmittal public network, wherein if the subset rule-module clearinghouse fails to invoke a user-customized rule-module, the request is transmitted via a public communications network to a master rule-module clearinghouse;
 - c. a second rule-module invocation platform, comprising a master rule-module clearinghouse that invokes at least one user-customized rule-module;
 - d. an electronic communication execution platform, that executes at least one electronic communication upon the earliest invocation of a user-customized rule-module by a rule-module clearinghouse.

63. (Amended) The device of claim 58 wherein the subset rule-module clearinghouse is physically remote from the master rule-module clearinghouse.
